Abstract of the Disclosure

The invention relates to a steam iron (1) consisting of a heatable soleplate (2), a steam chamber (3), a multifunctional part (8) which forms both a heat shield and the skirt (85) of the iron. The invention is characterised in that the aforementioned multi-functional part (8) forms and houses the steam chamber (3) above the soleplate (2). Preferably, said mult-functional part (8) also forms the base of a water container (4).